

Senate Resolution 657

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Expressing regret at the passing of the Colonel John E. McGowan; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens with
3 the passing of Colonel John E. McGowan; and
- 4 WHEREAS, this native son of Candler County was long recognized by the citizens of his
5 community for the vital role he played in leadership and jurisprudence and for his deep
6 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the United States; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
8 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community as evidenced dramatically by his
9 many years of superlative service as a member of the Georgia Army National Guard; and
- 10 WHEREAS, this extraordinary man also served as assistant to the president of the Georgia
11 Farm Bureau and served as a superintendent of the State Hospital Farm in Milledgeville and
12 as an extension dairyman for the University of Georgia College of Agriculture; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was a Mason, a Shriner, a member of the American Dairy Science
14 Association, National Guard Association of Georgia, the National Guard Association of the
15 United States, and an active member of the Christian Church of Hardwick; and
- 16 WHEREAS, he was renowned for his significant organizational and leadership talents, his
17 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
18 of the citizens of his community, earning him the respect and admiration of his colleagues
19 and associates; and
- 20 WHEREAS, this singular gentleman was a person of magnanimous strengths with an
21 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

1 WHEREAS, the passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an unfillable
2 void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
4 express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of the Colonel John E. McGowan
5 and commend him for a lifetime of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public
6 service.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Colonel John E.
9 McGowan.